

PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: A8563

Nigel SIMMONS, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/564,638

Group Art Unit: 2151

Confirmation No.: 3356

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Filed: January 13, 2006

For: SOCIAL NETWORK OF IDENTITIES AND QUERY METHOD THEREFOR

RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a)

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In the Decision on Petition mailed December 20, 2006 the petition was dismissed without prejudice on the grounds that insufficient factual proof was provided that the missing joint inventor refused to join in the application.

Reconsideration and granting of the Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) is respectfully requested in view of the Supplemental Statement of Facts submitted herewith along with supporting exhibits, Exhibit A-G. The Supplemental Statement of Facts is made by Mr. Nigel Simmons, one of the co-inventors of the invention, and details the numerous and varied efforts made to contact Mr. Adarbad Master (hereinafter "Mr. Master") one of the co-inventors, to have him sign the Declaration of inventorship ("Declaration") for the present invention. As detailed in the Supplemental Statement of Facts, Mr. Simmons attempted to contact Mr. Master to sign the Declaration of inventorship at least fifteen (15) times, by way of email, postal mail and

telephone. All but one of these attempts were unsuccessful in reaching Mr. Master to have him sign the Declaration. The one time Mr. Master did respond, on August 3, 2006, he never provided his contact information, much less follow up by signing the Declaration, despite the repeated and diligent efforts by Mr. Simmons to deliver the Declaration to him and to have him sign it.

Should the Examiner deem Applicants efforts to locate Mr. Master insufficient to grant the petition, Applicant petitions in the alternative to proceed with the prosecution of the present application without Mr. Master's signature by deeming Mr. Master to be a recalcitrant inventor. While Mr. Master has not expressly refused to sign the Declaration of inventorship, he has effectively refused to sign by failing to respond to Mr. Simmon's repeated requests for him to sign the Declaration of inventorship.

It is respectfully submitted that Applicant has demonstrated diligence in attempting to contact Mr. Master to have him sign the Declaration. Accordingly, the Legal Examiner is respectfully requested to grant the Petition. Alternatively, Applicant respectfully requests the Legal Examiner to deem Mr. Master a recalcitrant inventor and to grant the Petition to proceed with the prosecution of the application.

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As stated in the Decision on Petition no additional petition fee is required for the renewed petition. A four month extension of time fee for a small entity is submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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